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\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

TOWN TICKETS

At the instance of the Board of Trade, about 150 citizens of the town met in mass convention at the high school auditorium and named two tickets to be voted on at the municipal election to be held on Thursday, January 6, 1921. The plan was for the two receiving the highest vote for mayor and recorder and the ten for councilmen to be chosen by lot to be placed on the tickets. The two tickets thus chosen are—

Citizens Ticket
For Mayor, J. A. Sydenstricker.
For Recorder, S. J. Rexrode.
For Councilmen, Fred Gehauf, S. B. Wallace, Dr. N. R. Price, Calvin W. Price, E. H. Williams.
Peoples Ticket
For Mayor, J. W. Milligan.
For Recorder, H. M. Byers.
For Councilmen—P. C. Curry, S. N. Hench, Amos Woodell, Ira D. Brill, Dr. M. S. Wilson.

POCAHONTAS COUNTY

Population 15,002
1 person in every 666 dies of tuberculosis.
23 persons die in Pocahontas county every year of tuberculosis.
There are 10 living cases for every one that dies.
230 living cases of tuberculosis in Pocahontas county.
2 men rejected in the draft with tuberculosis.
2 soldiers returned with tuberculosis.
A human life is valued at \$7,500.
\$172,500.00 is lost by Pocahontas county every year by death from tuberculosis without counting the poverty and suffering caused by tuberculosis.
Buy Christmas Seals and Health Bonds to provide the money to FIGHT TUBERCULOSIS.

WALLACE G. BURNER

On last Thursday morning, December 9, Wallace G. Burner was found dead in his bed at his home five miles from Durbin. He was a bachelor and lived by himself, and it was thought that he had died on Tuesday night before. His home was about half a mile from the homes of his brothers. He had been last seen alive on Tuesday afternoon. Heart disease is supposed to have been the cause of death and from appearances his end had been most peaceful, probably dying in his sleep. Had he lived until January 11 next, he would have been 64 years old. Burial at the Goodsell cemetery at Bartow, the services being conducted by Rev. J. C. Spindler of the Methodist Church South, of which the deceased had been a member for many years.

Mr. Burner was a good citizen and a useful, likable man. He was the son of the late Lafayette Burner and his wife Nancy Ann Woodell. Of his father's family his brothers James S., Urbanus, and J. L., E. F., E. B., L. M., and L. A. Burner; his sisters, Mrs. Sallie McLaughlin, and Mrs. Ida Curry of Cass; Mrs. Nannie Wilfong, of Buckhannon; Mrs. Mattie Kincaid, of Marlinton; Mrs. Mary Kincaid and Mrs. Annie Merchaneu, of Durbin; and Mrs. Lottie Brown, of Arbovale.

Report of Oak Hill School for second and third months, Frona Flynn Williams, teacher. 2nd month ending Nov. 8: Those in attendance every day were Ethel Eye, Glenna and Virginia Shears, Hattie Bowers, Myrtle Eye, Jessie Flynn, Bernard, Clinton, Everette and Ernest Shears, Lonnie Eye, Ona Fultz, Emery Eye, Alvin Shears. Third month ending December 11: Those in attendance every day were Ethel and Myrtle Eye, Glenna and Virginia Shears, Jessie Flynn, Bernard, Clinton, Everette and Ernest Shears, Lonnie Eye, Ona Fultz, Emery Eye, Alvin Shears, Lowell and Kerth Snyder.

"The Virginia Girls" a company of six people—in the High School Auditorium, Wednesday evening, Dec. 22 at 8:00 o'clock.

Through the columns of this paper we wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to those who so kindly helped us and sympathized with us in our recent grief.
Mrs. J. B. Lockridge and Family.

KILLED IN THE WOODS

Oliver Gregory was hit by a falling limb last Monday, December 13, while working in the Elk woods for the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co. and was so badly hurt that he died the next morning. His skull was crushed and he was knocked over a cliff by the force of the blow. Dr. Cox attended him and he was brought to the Marlinton Hospital where an operation was performed, but he was too greatly injured to recover. The body of the young man was prepared for burial by undertaker Z. S. Smith, and shipped to his home on Elk River in Webster County.

Oliver Gregory was about 23 years old, and had worked in the Elk woods a number of years. His home was in Webster county, near Addison.

Editor of Pocahontas Times:
I notice in your columns of December 9th an article headed "Compensation of County Officers," which contained the following: "We heard an ex-sheriff of one of the big counties in the coal district say that the last year he served as sheriff, it paid that office about \$100,000."

There are a great many good things in the County Salary Bill, but if the newspapers are not very careful, they will mislead a great many people in regard to the amount of salary and commission that County officers under the old rule received.

The last year of the old rule in this County was the largest pay any sheriff or county official in this State ever received and that gross amount was \$43,395, including all fees for the jail, service of papers, salary and commission. The law required that the sheriff turn 15 per cent of that amount into the County fund, and all of the sheriff's help had to be paid out of what was left, which was a very nice salary for the sheriff providing he did not employ too much help. During the present administration there has been more than twice the number of employees, at very handsome salaries. In the sheriff's office than under the old rule, and I refer you to any business people of this County as to which administration gave the better service to the people.

The County officers throughout the State are now complaining that their salaries should be increased at the coming session of the Legislature. In a great many instances they, no doubt, are entitled to increases, but if the Legislature is not careful it will increase the ones that have no responsibility and give them equal pay with the sheriffs and other officers that are entitled to good salaries—especially in counties like this one.

At present there is a difference of only \$200 between the salaries of the Circuit and County Clerks and the Sheriff in this County, and I am sure that you will agree with me that there is a greater difference in the responsibility of the two offices.

The Prosecuting Attorney in this County now has one assistant and is insisting that the members of the Legislature recommend to the next session of that body that he be given one or two more assistants at a very good salary.

Yours very truly,
Bonner H. Hill.
P. S. Present salary:
Sheriff \$5,000.00
County & Circuit clerks, \$5,000.00
Prosecuting Attorney, \$5,000.00
Assistant Pros. Atty. \$3,000.00
Charleston, W. Va.

MARLINTON METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. J. H. Light, D. D., Pastor.
Sunday School at 9:45
A White Christmas, will be the subject of the pastor's morning sermon. What will you do with Jesus? Is the subject for the evening sermon. The Christmas lesson is the subject for the Sunday School. Let there be a full attendance. The Sunday School is preparing for a service appropriate to the season to be held some evening during the holiday week.

To whom it may concern:
Take notice that I will on Friday the 24th day of December, 1920, apply to His Excellency John J. Cornwell, Governor of the State of West Virginia, to be pardoned from serving a sentence of 60 days in the jail of Pocahontas and the payment of a fine of \$100.00 imposed upon me by the circuit court of Pocahontas county, West Virginia at its October Term 1920.
MACK GUM.

SPICE RUN

The health of the community is good although we have had lots of rain.

Spice Run sawmill has been running the past few days.

Our church work is progressing very nicely under our able pastor, Rev. Orr, and J. M. Brocius, Sunday school superintendent.

Chat A. Biggs has returned from a business trip to eastern cities.

Our school is making a fine showing. Our teachers, Prof. Hayes and Miss Gladys Collinson are giving our children the best of attention and the patrons of the school are pleased that we were able to secure the services of such able teachers.

Prof. Vance, of Hillsboro High school, made a fine speech here December 11th in behalf of better education.

Roy W. Phelan spent the week end at Bartow, the guest of Mr. Collins. Charles S. James, of Fontana, N. C., has accepted a position as mill foreman at this place. He was at Thornwood with the Thorny Creek Lumber Co. for several years.

Russell Turpin, our hustling agent, has decided to go into the wool growing. He has a fine flock of Marino sheep. Also the pure bred O. I. C. hogs.

Robert LaRue, our good natured store manager and produce buyer, has some real bargains in shoes. Bob is some hustler and has a good line.

We are going to have a big entertainment and Christmas tree here Christmas eve. It is under the skillful and willing hands of Mrs. C. A. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brocius and Mrs. P. G. Johnston.

Wm. Ball, who has been in Youngs town, Pennsylvania, the past three months, has returned.

J. H. Phelan has purchased a fine riding horse from Lee Clark of Hillsboro.

Our new manager for the boarding house, Miss Cora Perry, has made a wonderful improvement by painting and renovating the entire house.

Geo. Ruby, of Durbin, is saving on one of the Spice Run Co's. mills on Rush Run.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gadd have moved to Gauley Bridge where Mr. Gadd has accepted a position.

REV. ELMER C. SLOANE

Rev. Elmer C. Sloane, pastor of the Huntersville charge of the Methodist Church, South, died suddenly last Friday December 10, 1920, and was buried from the Huntersville church Sunday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. J. H. Light, D. D.

Mr. Sloane had been unable to fill his pulpit for several Sundays past, but had so far recovered as to announce services for last Sunday. He was out Friday afternoon and on his return to his home at Minnehaha Springs was seized by a fatal illness about five o'clock and died before aid could reach him.

Mr. Sloane had been in the ministerial supply work of the Baltimore Conference for a number of years, and was in his second year on Huntersville charge. He was a faithful pastor and an earnest and effective preacher of the Gospel. He was greatly loved by the people whom he served as attested by the great throng that attended his burial services. His little daughter Virginia, is the only near relative, so far as is known to survive him.

CARD TO VOTERS

Your unsolicited endorsement I need not say was highly gratifying. I only wish to say that should you honor me by making me your choice I pledge my best energies and liberally of my time in furtherance of your best interests. I should try for reasonable not foolish economies and feel that you can reasonably expect profit from past mistakes.
Sincerely,
J. W. MILLIGAN.

From the Christian Observer we learn that O. E. McKeever has been ordained and installed a ruling elder of the Highlawn Presbyterian church of Huntington. This church is preparing to build a \$50,000 building the coming year. A large Sunday School building has just been completed.

The little four months old child of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Swearingen, of Neola, died on Monday, December 13, 1920, after an illness of some weeks. The little body was buried at Millboro. This is the second child these parents have lost by death in the last year or two.

Miss Edith Holesapple and Lawrence Kennison, sophomores of the Edray District High School, went to Ronceverte on Wednesday to engage in a debating contest with representatives of the sophomore class of the Ronceverte High School.

The third number of the Lecture Course in the High School Auditorium, Wednesday evening, December 22, at 8:00 o'clock.

To whom it may concern:
You are hereby notified that I will on Friday the 24th day of December, 1920, apply to His Excellency Governor John J. Cornwell for a pardon for a sentence pronounced by the Judge of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, ordering me to be confined in the jail of said county for a period of two months and the payment of a fine of \$100.00, which sentence was pronounced at the October term of said court 1920.
MATTIE M. MYERS.

HARRY GRIMES KILLS WIFE

Then Commits Suicide at Raywood
Harry Grimes, aged 32, a member of one of the oldest families in Pocahontas shot and killed his wife at Raywood last Saturday and then in turn killed himself.

The wife was a slip of a girl between sixteen and seventeen and came from Winesville, in the mountains of North Carolina. She had been there last summer but came to Pocahontas and went to housekeeping in the woods back of Dunmore where the husband was working as a woodsman. The couple disagreed mainly on the ground of neglect and failure to support the wife. Mrs. Grimes seems to have left her husband and came to Raywood Saturday to the home of Hidy Sprouse, and said that she wanted to work for someone until she could get money enough to pay for a ticket to North Carolina.

Shortly after Grimes came to Raywood on the hunt of his wife. He seemed to be somewhat under the influence of liquor and he told a man that he was either going to bring his wife home or he would kill himself.

About supper time he appeared in the house of Sprouse and told his wife to get her suitcase and come with him. She refused to do. He repeated the command three times and she refused three times. He then drew a revolver and shot her three times from which wounds she died within two hours.

Grimes left the house and no more was seen of him until two in the morning when John Will Carpenter found his dead body in the back yard of the premises where the woman had been shot. A bullet hole from temple to temple indicated the manner of his exit.

The public made up a purse and sent the young woman's body home and the body of Grimes was interred at Mt. Zion church.

Grimes was well connected but he has been a pretty rough citizen himself at times.

THE AMERICAN LEGION

At a meeting of the American Legion, held in Marlinton Saturday, the following officers were elected for the year 1921:

Post Commander, F. C. Allen, of Marlinton.
Post Adjutant, Charles C. Clendenin, of Marlinton.
Post Vice Commander, J. M. Ward of Cass.
Historian, Clark Young, of Edray.
Sgt. at Arms, Fred Barlow.
Chaplain, Neff Morrison.

All members are notified that the annual dues amounting to \$2.00 are due Jan. 1, 1921. Ex-service men are invited to join and send in their membership fees promptly the first of the year, and so get all the issues of the Legion Weekly.

Field Service Clerk Stewart, of Bluefield, was in Marlinton Tuesday at the invitation of the Post, and took the applications of seventeen service men for the Victory Medal. Those who have not already applied or received this medal may obtain the same by bringing or sending their Discharge papers to the Adjutant of this Post and applying for the same. This is a very handsome and desirable token, decorated with battle clasps as shown on official discharge, and can only be obtained by application through official channels.

Headquarters for Pocahontas Post will be established as soon as suitable room can be secured.

Out of 123 high schools of the first class in the State, Pocahontas county has three of them. They are the district high schools of Greenbank, Edray and Little Levels. According to the population of our county, compared with the rest of the State, this is three times our quota. No other county in the State has as many high schools per capita as Pocahontas.

Rev. Douglas McDougal Monroe, of Greenbank, will preach at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning and night.

The pulpit committee has decided to recommend to the congregation of the Presbyterian church that a call be extended to Rev. Wm. Morrison, of Princeton Seminary. It is recalled that the late Dr. John C. Barr, who was a prominent minister of Charleston, for a life time was called from Princeton Seminary to Pocahontas County about seventy years ago.

Earl Lester, 14 years old, near Marlinton, was accidentally shot in the back about two months ago by a companion, while hunting rabbits. The wound gave no trouble until recently, when it began to discharge pieces of clothing, and an operation may be necessary on account of the fistula which has developed.

W. H. Evans is advertising an auction sale of his personal property at Watoga on Friday, December 24. He is preparing to move to Wilson, Pennsylvania, where his five sons are employed. Years ago Mr. Evans lived on the farm that is now Marlinton, working for the late Andrew McLaughlin. He cleared a field on Bucks Mountain that carries his name to this day. For twenty-three years he lived in Fayette county, digging coal. He moved to Watoga about ten years ago.

Jailor Eskridge took Ed Snyder to Durbin Monday to meet a guard from the penitentiary, who took Snyder to Moundsville to begin serving a sentence given him last June in the Circuit Court of Pocahontas for shooting up the Glen White Mine in Raleigh county. The case was tried here on a change of venue. The Supreme Court refused Snyder a new trial.

DURBIN

Page Sutton, of Hosterman, is in town on business.

Squire Marshall is at the county seat on business.

Sheriff Eskridge passed through town enroute to the Ohio River.

O. J. Collins, of Centralia, is at home with his family this week.

Dr. G. F. Hull is on a bear hunt.

Our community was shocked to hear of the death of Wallace Burner, a well known citizen, last Thursday morning.

Mrs. J. F. Folk will soon have a millinery sale.

Mrs. Guy Mann is in charge of the Durbin Hotel.

Revs. Spindler and Johnson are holding a protracted meeting at Thornwood with good success.

Hiram Kisner and his son Lonnie were at Cass on business last week.

Hickman & Ralston have just finished up a contract of 27 car loads of pulp wood at the old Burner plant on the Western Maryland railroad.

We had a fine scare Saturday night about eight o'clock when the fire alarm was given. On investigation it was found that the jail was on fire and when opened one man was found in the jail and one man who had been put in was gone. A bed was on fire but no great damage was done.

ONOTO

The roads are very muddy and difficult to travel, but indications are good for a little cooler weather.

A very noticeable thing in this immediate community is our good neighbors, and that is a very valuable asset.

A good neighbor is one who bids you the time of day, calls to ask what he can do when you are sick, and actually does things for you at that particular time. We have them here. They keep their chickens and pigs at home, never carouse around after ten o'clock at night. They call you Tom if you happen to be a Tom, and feel free to enter your house by the kitchen door if that is the more convenient way. When their wives bake and have unusually good luck the best loaf goes to their neighbor, it expresses their friendship, and love for their neighbor, after a few days the loaf returns in the form of an apple pie hot from the oven, or a bowl of dumplings cooked in the home made blackberry wine left from the boiling of a nice piece of beef or pork. So the country life is linked up with many blessings of this character and kind. It is a pleasure to live in the free balmy air, among this kind and class of human beings.

Frank Baxter butchered three fine hogs Monday of this week.

Mitchel Barlow of Webster County is sojourning among friends and relatives in this vicinity.

Our school at Pine Grove opened Monday with Glenn Barlow as teacher. We are glad to have a school here, and wish for Mr. Barlow a very successful term.

Singing at Hamlin Chapel Sunday night in connection with the Young Peoples meeting was well attended, and a very successful sing.

The little child of Mrs. Florence Beverage is very sick threatened with pneumonia.

Mrs. Neal Beverage and little daughter, Thelma are spending the winter with Mrs. Arnett McNeill.

The local schools will be closed from December 23 to January 3rd for the Christmas holidays.

The third number of the Lecture Course—"The Virginia Girls," will appear in the High School Auditorium, December 22nd.

Auctioneer Gum reports a very successful sale of J. A. Cleek's property on Knapps Creek Wednesday.

"A Singing Orchestra"—"The Virginia Girls," in the High School on Wednesday evening, December 22nd. Will you hear them?

Estray Notice

There has been at my place on Elk one head of two year old cattle since about the middle of November. Owner can have property by proving it and paying cost of keep and expense of advertising.
Adv. \$1. James Gibson, Edray, W. Va.

Fiduciary Notice

The following fiduciary account is before the undersigned commissioner of accounts for Pocahontas county for settlement.
C. C. Beal, Administrator of J. T. Beal.

Given under my hand this 14th day of December, 1920.
J. E. Buckley, Commissioner.

COWS FOR SALE

Two good milk cows. Will milk all winter.
W. C. Gardner, Clover Lick, W. Va.

ESTRAY NOTICE

There has been three stray sheep at my place since January 1, 1920. Owner can have them by proving property and paying cost of advertisement.
\$1. paid. George W. Taylor, Dunmore, W. Va.

RABBITS FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Belgian hares for sale. Fine stock and prices right.
EVERETT HEROLD, Jr., Marlinton, W. Va.

LAST SEVEN DAYS

to select you Christmas Gifts so do not delay, but come at once to Finger-Siegel Co. who still have a large variety of merchandise to please the young and old.

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Sleds made for rough use only	85c
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Men's belts, neckwear, hose supporters	
Ladies' fine shirtwaists, bondior caps and many other useful articles for the entire family.	

Specials for this week.

Men's heavy weight 4 buckle arctics only	3.45
Men's heavy weight 1 buckle arctics only	2.25
Rappahannock wool pants only	4.95
Beautiful assortments of men's silk shirts	4.00
Boys' heavy fleeced lined union suits	1.29
Boys' high top shoes will stand rough use	3.95
Men's Walk Over shoes at reduced prices	
Ladies' Walk Over shoes at reduced prices.	
Ladies, Misses and Children's bath robes from	1.98 and up
Boys' solid leather shoes at	2.45
Boys' suits well made only	7.45
Boys' mackinaws special price	7.95

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